

**OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN EARL BLUMENAUER**  
**APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2011**

**Instructions**

1. Please complete the entire form. **All fields are required.**
2. Please do not **bold**, underline, or *italicize* responses.
3. Request forms must be submitted as a Word document.
4. All completed request forms and any supplemental materials must be submitted via email to:  
[Appropriations.Blumenauer@mail.house.gov](mailto:Appropriations.Blumenauer@mail.house.gov)
5. Please do not send more than one request per email.
6. All completed request forms must be submitted no later than **Friday, February 26, 2010.**
7. If you do not receive an email confirming receipt of your request within 48 hours of submission, please contact Stephanie Cappa in Congressman Blumenauer's Washington, D.C. office at 202-225-4811.

*PLEASE NOTE: All appropriations requests submitted to Congressman Blumenauer's office will be made public on his website, as required by the House Committee on Appropriations.*

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**Project Details**

**1. Project title:**

Springwater/Johnson Creek Restoration

**2. Organization name and address (the recipient of the funds):**

The City of Gresham, OR  
1333 NW Eastman Parkway  
Gresham, OR 97030-2806

**3. Contact information**

- a. **Project's primary contact:** Ron Papsdorf, Government Relations Manager
- b. **Daytime telephone number/ mobile phone number:** (503) 618-2806
- c. **Email Address:** Ronald.Papsdorf@ci.gresham.or.us
- d. **Project location** (if different than organization's address): 1333 NW Eastman Parkway  
Gresham, OR 97030-3813

**4. Please describe the requesting organization's main activities.**

Municipality

**5. Is this organization a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity?**

Municipality

**6. From what federal agency and account are you requesting funds (Please be specific –e.g., Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account)?**

Energy and Water Appropriations; Army Corps of Engineers; Construction, or Water & Related Resources

**7. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (no more than 500 words).**

This project will allow significant new job creation to occur while fulfilling federal requirements for stormwater management and clean water. Specifically, this request is to fund the Springwater Industrial Area Johnson Creek Water Quality Improvements project Phase I Feasibility Study in Gresham, Oregon. Phase I consists of a suite of restoration projects designed to address the impaired water quality and natural resource functions of Johnson Creek within the Springwater Industrial Area. Total cost estimates for the Springwater area are approximately \$20,000,000 and represent a major portion of the estimated \$46,800,000 of work needed to address water quality, stream integrity, and flood protection throughout the middle Johnson Creek basin. This project is a cost-effective improvement within an area slated for industrial development in the near term and will help leverage private development by proactively addressing important stream corridor needs. The Springwater Industrial Area is planned to provide 18,000 jobs at build-out. The City of Gresham believes now is an opportune time to be initiating restoration in the upper Johnson Creek basin as 1,600 acres of rural and agricultural land in the upper watershed are slated for urbanization as part of the Springwater Industrial Area Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) expansion.

Primarily, the components of the Phase I restoration will include:

Floodplain Reconnection/Wetland Restoration – Improvement of degraded natural resource functions is necessary to realize properly function conditions within the watershed for flood storage, water quality improvements, and provision of off-channel habitat for salmonids. These improvements will provide wetland mitigation bank opportunities and enhance water quality and hydrologic capacity where pockets of degraded and farmed wetlands currently exist. Floodplain wetlands store water, decrease peak flows, allow slow percolation of water into groundwater, and increase the base flow of the creek during summer months when the creek flow is at its lowest and most essential to fish and wildlife and to water quality.

Riparian Restoration – The riparian zone is the area of direct interaction between aquatic and terrestrial environments. Riparian areas are essential for the protection of water quality and fish and wildlife habitat. Specific riparian functions that have been identified as critical are stream shading, inputs of large wood debris, bank stabilization, sediment control, and nutrient exchange.

**8. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?**

The Springwater Industrial Area Johnson Creek Water Quality Improvements project in Gresham, Oregon will implement Phase I of a suite of restoration projects designed to address the impaired

water quality and natural resource functions of Johnson Creek within the Springwater Industrial Area and to meet federal environmental requirements. The Springwater Industrial Area is planned to provide 18,000 jobs at build-out. This project is a cost-effective improvement within an area slated for industrial development in the near term and will help leverage private development by proactively addressing important stream corridor needs while simultaneously creating jobs. Industrial development would not have to bear the costs of these needed stream improvements if Gresham receives these federal funds, making the area more attractive for near-term development investments and job creation.

Additionally, the stream system in this area is listed as critical habitat for steelhead and salmon species listed as 'threatened'. The floodplain and stream restoration projects proposed for the area will support these federally listed species, in addition to providing habitat for area state-listed species found in low numbers in the immediate area.

**9. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years?**

This project has not received federal appropriations in past fiscal years, however authorization language was included in the final version of the FY 2008 Water Resources Development Act (P.L. 110-114, Sec. 1006, #34).

**9a. If yes, please provide the fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding.**

N/A

**Funding Details**

**10. Amount requested for this project:**

\$200,000

**11. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project (e.g., salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):**

\$200,000 – Feasibility Study

**12. What is the total cost of the project?**

\$46,800,000

**13. Is this project scalable (i.e., If partial funding is awarded, will the organization still be able to use the funds in FY 2011)?**

This is a scalable project by nature which will be accomplished over the span of several fiscal years. However, the \$200,000 requested for FY11 is needed to initiate a feasibility study that needs to be completed before any next steps can occur. The feasibility study can be scaled to

accommodate the level of funding provided, with \$100,000 being the estimated minimum necessary for initiating a feasibility study of middle Johnson Creek basin.

**14. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please be specific about funding sources and funding amounts)**

\$54,000 – City of Gresham

**15. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project.**

City of Gresham, OR  
Johnson Creek Partners:  
Johnson Creek Watershed Council  
Audubon Society of Portland  
Trust for Public Lands  
City of Portland  
Metro Regional Government

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